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<b>Response to Rule 312 Communication</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
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1. ☐ The petition filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under 37 CFR 1.312(b) is granted. The paper has been forwarded to the examiner for consideration on the merits.
2. ☐ The petition filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under 37 CFR 1.312(b) is dismissed.
  - a) ☐ The requisite petition fee of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ has not been received.
  - b) ☐ Other :

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3. ☒ The amendment filed on 11 January 2001 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:
  - a) ☐ entered.
  - b) ☒ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
  - c) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.
  - d) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

*Acknowledgement is made of PTO-1449 file Feb. 11, 2000. However, it was not considered because they never came to my attention. Applicant hand-delivered IDS has considered and properly signed PTO-1449 was mailed on Feb 02, 2001. .*

*Copy (PTO-1449) is enclosed.*

  
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